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Via Electronic and U.S. Mail

Re: Conditional Approval of General Electric's *Removal Design/ Removal Action Work Plan for the Group 3C and 3D Floodplain Properties*, GE- Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Silfer:

This letter provides the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) conditional approval of the above-referenced *Removal Design/ Removal Action Work Plan for the Group 3C and 3D Floodplain Properties* dated June 2005 (Work Plan). The Work Plan is subject to the terms and conditions specified in the Consent Decree (CD) that was entered in U.S. District Court on October 27, 2000.

Pursuant to Paragraph 73 of the CD, EPA, after consultation with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP), approves the Work Plan subject to the following conditions.

1. GE shall consider expanding the excavation limits shown on Technical Drawings 5 and 6 of the Work Plan based on constructability and related factors.
2. If any historic or prehistoric artifacts or sites and/or if any threatened or endangered species are identified in the Group 3C & 3D floodplain properties during the course of the remediation work, GE shall notify EPA and discuss with EPA the need for and scope of any additional action regarding such resources.

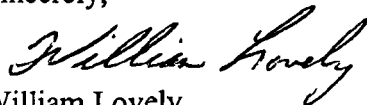
GE shall address comment number 1 above by submitting revised excavation limit figures based on the additional removals proposed by GE. GE shall include these revised excavation limit figures in the Supplemental Information Package for the Group 3C & 3D Floodplain Properties which will be submitted by August 8, 2005.

If there is any conflict between the Performance Standards as described in the Work Plan and as set forth in the Consent Decree and/or Statement of Work for Removal Actions Outside the River (Appendix E to the Consent Decree), the Consent Decree and Statement of Work shall control.

EPA reserves its right to perform additional sampling and/or require additional sampling or Response Actions, if necessary, to meet the requirements of the Consent Decree.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (617) 918-1240.

Sincerely,



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